

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A method of receiving a transmission of data at a client computer and performing an operation on the data received at the client computer, the method comprising:
  - a. receiving a key file at the client computer, the key file comprising a rule identifying the operation to be performed on the data received at the client computer;
  - b. receiving the data at the client computer when a processing load of the client computer is sufficiently low that the transmission will not affect the client computer's processing; and
  - c. performing the operation identified by the rule in the key file on the data received at the client computer, wherein:
    - the data is an executable file;
    - the operation comprises storing the executable file in a startup folder of the client computer; and
    - any files in a startup folder of a respective one client computer of the at least one client computer are run when the respective client computer starts up.
2. – 10. (canceled)
11. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said running the executable file occurs a plurality of times upon subsequent boot-ups of the client computer.
12. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising displaying a message at the client computer on receipt of the executable file.
13. – 16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A method of transmitting data to at least one client computer, the method comprising:

- a. providing data to be transmitted to the at least one client computer;
- b. generating a key file comprising a rule identifying an operation to be performed on the data;
- c. transmitting the key file to the at least one client computer; and
- d. transmitting the data to the at least one client computer when a processing load of the client computer is sufficiently low that the transmitting will not affect the client computer's processing, wherein:

the data is an executable file;

the operation comprises storing the executable file in a startup folder of the at least one client computer; and

any files in a startup folder of a respective one client computer of the at least one client computer are run when the respective client computer starts up.

18. – 26. (canceled)